

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the Official Action of May 7, 2003. This request for reconsideration is intended to be fully responsive thereto.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Coy, 6107891. By this amendment Applicant cancels claim 1 thereby making the Examiner's rejection moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner is thanked for the allowance of claims 3 and 4. Claim 2 has been amended and is now in independent form, including all the limitations of the base claim. The Examiner also objected to claim 2 stating that it would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim. Applicant has complied with the Examiner's recommendation and by this amendment Claim 2 is now drafted in independent form

Conclusion

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that each of claims 2 through 4 recites statutory subject matter that is novel and new, is subject matter of the present invention and is fully supported in the disclosure of the present invention, and therefore respectfully requests that claims 2 through 4 be found allowable and that this application be passed to issue. No new matter has been included.

If for any reason, the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the Applicant's undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper has not been timely filed, the Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension,

together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 50-2069, referencing docket number 003-03-016.

Should the examiner believe further discussion regarding the above claimed language would expedite prosecution they are invited to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

By:



Tracy M. Heims
Reg. No. 53,010

Apex Juris, pllc
13194 Edgewater Lane Northeast
Seattle, Washington, 98125
Email: tracy@apexjuris.com
Phone (206) 664-0314
Fax (206) 664-0329